

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0008] and [0009] as follows:

[0008] One common channel used for transmitting data to the UEs **20-24** is the forward access common channel (FACH) **58**, as shown in **Figure 3**. As shown in **Figure 3**, the FACH **58** originates in a RNC **36** and is sent to a node b **28-34** for wireless transmission as a spread spectrum signal to the UEs **20-24**. The FACH **58** carries several data types from various sources, such as a common control channel (CCCH), dedicated control and traffic channel (DCCH and DTCH), and a downlink and uplink share channel (DSCH and USCH) control signaling. The FACH **58** also carries control signaling out of band, such as hybrid automatic repeat request (H-ARQ), and similar data transmitted via the IUR **62** from other RNCs **38-40**, such as CCCH, DCCH, DTCH and H-ARQ control data.

[0009] Various controllers are used by the RNC **36** to control the flow of data. A radio link controller (RLC) **64** handles the CCCH. The dedicated medium access controller (MAC-d) **66** handles the DCCH, the DTCH and some out of band H-ARQ control signaling. The shared medium access controller (MAC-sh) **68** handles the DSCH, USCH control signaling and out of band H-ARQ control signaling. Controlling the FACH **58** is the common medium access controller (MAC-c) **60**